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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by: (KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of section 17a-1 of the 2012 supplement to
- 2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- 4 (3) "Advisory committee" means the Children's Behavioral Health
- 5 Advisory Committee; [to the council;]
- 6 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17a-4 of the 2012 supplement to the
- 7 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 8 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- 9 (a) There shall be a State Advisory Council on Children and
- 10 Families which shall consist of nineteen members as follows: (1)
- 11 <u>Thirteen members</u> appointed by the Governor, including at least [five]
- 12 <u>two</u> persons who are child care professionals, two persons eighteen to
- 13 twenty-five years of age, inclusive, served by the Department of
- 14 Children and Families, one child psychiatrist licensed to practice

15 medicine in this state and at least one attorney who has expertise in 16 legal issues related to children and youth; [. The balance of the 17 advisory council] and seven persons who shall be representative of 18 young persons, parents and others interested in the delivery of services 19 to children and youths, including child protection, behavioral health, 20 juvenile justice and prevention services [. No less than fifty per cent of 21 the council's members shall be parents, foster parents or family 22 members of children who have received, or are receiving, behavioral 23 health services, child welfare services or juvenile services and] at least 24 four of whom shall be parents, foster parents or family members of 25 children who have received, or are receiving, behavioral health 26 services, child welfare services or juvenile services; and (2) six 27 members representing the regional advisory councils established 28 pursuant to section 17a-30, appointed one each by the members of each 29 council. On or after October 1, 2014, no more than half the members of 30 the council shall be persons who receive income from a private 31 practice or any public or private agency that delivers mental health, 32 substance abuse, child abuse prevention and treatment, child welfare 33 services or juvenile services. Members of the council shall serve 34 without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Department of Children and Families 35 36 shall provide the council with funding to facilitate the participation of those members representing families and youth, as well as for other 37 38 administrative support services. Members shall serve on the council 39 for terms of two years each and no member shall serve for more than 40 [two] three consecutive terms. The commissioner shall be an ex-officio 41 member of the council without vote and shall attend its meetings. Any 42 member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent 43 of all meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have 44 resigned. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to 45 act in the chairperson's absence.

Sec. 3. Section 17a-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

(a) There is established a Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee [to the State Advisory Council on Children and Families] which shall promote and enhance the provision of behavioral health services for all children in this state.

(b) The Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following ex-officio voting members: (1) The Commissioner of Children and Families or the commissioner's the Commissioner of Social Services designee; commissioner's designee; (3) the Executive Director of the Children's Health Council or said director's designee; (4) the Chief Court Administrator or said administrator's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Developmental Services or the commissioner's designee; (8) the executive director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities or the director's designee; and the following public members: (A) Two members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a parent of a child who receives behavioral health services and one of whom shall be a provider of behavioral health services; (B) six members, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and all of whom shall be knowledgeable on issues relative to children in need of behavioral health services and family supports; and (C) sixteen members appointed by the [chairperson of the State Advisory Council on] Commissioner of Children and Families. The membership of the advisory committee shall fairly and adequately represent parents of children who have a serious emotional disturbance. At least fifty-one per cent of the members of the advisory committee shall be persons

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who are parents or relatives of a child who has or had a serious emotional disturbance or persons who had a serious emotional disturbance as children and no more than half the members of the committee shall be persons who receive income from a private practice or any public or private agency that delivers behavioral health services.

- (c) All appointments to the advisory committee shall be made no later than sixty days after July 1, 2000. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members shall serve two-year terms and no public member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.
- (d) The advisory committee shall elect two cochairpersons from among its members, one of whom shall be the parent of a child with a serious emotional disturbance. The advisory committee shall meet at least bimonthly. Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- (e) Not later than October first of each year, the advisory committee shall submit a status report on local systems of care and practice standards for state-funded behavioral health programs to the Commissioner of Children and Families and the State Advisory Council on Children and Families.
- (f) Not later than October first of each odd-numbered year, the advisory committee shall submit recommendations concerning the provision of behavioral health services for all children in the state to the Commissioner of Children and Families and the State Advisory Council on Children and Families. The recommendations shall address, but shall not be limited to, the following: (1) The target population for children with behavioral health needs, and assessment and benefit options for children with such needs; (2) the appropriateness and quality of care for children with behavioral health needs; (3) the coordination of behavioral health services provided under the HUSKY Plan with services provided by other publicly-

- 114 funded programs; (4) performance standards for preventive services,
- 115 family supports and emergency service training programs; (5)
- assessments of community-based and residential care programs; (6)
- 117 outcome measurements by reviewing provider practice; and (7) a
- medication protocol and standards for the monitoring of medication
- and after-care programs.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 17a-28 of the 2012 supplement to the
- 121 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- 123 (d) Any information disclosed from a person's record shall not be
- 124 further disclosed to another individual or entity without the written
- consent of the person, except [pursuant to] (1) pursuant to section 19a-
- 126 80 or 19a-80f, provided such disclosure is otherwise permitted
- pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, [or] (2) pursuant to
- the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or (3) as otherwise
- 129 provided by law.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the 2012 supplement to the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- 133 (g) The department shall disclose records, subject to subsections (b)
- and (c) of this section, without the consent of the person who is the
- 135 subject of the record, to:
- 136 (1) The person named in the record or such person's authorized
- 137 representative, provided such disclosure shall be limited to
- information (A) contained in the record about such person or about
- such person's biological or adoptive minor child, if such person's
- 140 parental rights to such child have not been terminated; and (B)
- information identifying an individual who reported abuse or neglect of
- the person, including any tape recording or an oral report pursuant to
- section 17a-103, if a court determines that there is reasonable cause to
- believe the reporter knowingly made a false report or that the interests

145 of justice require disclosure;

- 146 (2) An employee of the department for any purpose reasonably 147 related to the business of the department;
- 148 (3) A guardian ad litem or attorney appointed to represent a child or 149 youth in litigation affecting the best interests of the child or youth;
- 150 (4) The Attorney General, any assistant attorney general or any 151 other legal counsel retained to represent the department during the 152 course of a legal proceeding involving the department or an employee 153 of the department;
 - (5) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;
- 155 (6) The Chief Public Defender or the Chief Public Defender's
 156 designee for purposes of ensuring competent representation by the
 157 attorneys with whom the Chief Public Defender contracts to provide
 158 legal and guardian ad litem services to the subjects of such records and
 159 for ensuring accurate payments for services rendered by such
 160 attorneys;
- (7) The Chief State's Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's designee for purposes of investigating or prosecuting an allegation [of] related to child abuse or neglect, provided such prosecuting authority shall have access to records of a delinquency defendant, who is not being charged with an offense related to child abuse, only while the case is being prosecuted and after obtaining a release;
- 167 (8) A state or federal law enforcement officer for purposes of investigating an allegation [of] <u>related to</u> child abuse or neglect;
- (9) Any foster or prospective adoptive parent, if the records pertain to a child or youth currently placed with the foster or prospective adoptive parent, or a child or youth being considered for placement with the foster or prospective adoptive parent, and the records are necessary to address the social, medical, psychological or educational

- needs of the child or youth, provided no information identifying a biological parent is disclosed without the permission of such biological
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- 177 (10) The Governor, when requested in writing in the course of the 178 Governor's official functions, the Legislative Program Review and 179 Investigations Committee, the joint standing committees of the General 180 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and 181 the judiciary and the select committee of the General Assembly having 182 cognizance of matters relating to children, when requested in writing 183 in the course of said committees' official functions, and upon a 184 majority vote of said committees, provided no names or other 185 identifying information is disclosed unless it is essential to the 186 gubernatorial or legislative purpose;
 - (11) The Department of Public Health for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person to care for children in a facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, 19a-80 or 19a-87b; (B) determining the suitability of such person for licensure; or (C) an investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f;
 - (12) The Department of Developmental Services, to allow said department to determine eligibility, facilitate enrollment and plan for the provision of services to a child who is a client of said department and who is applying to enroll in or is enrolled in said department's voluntary services program. At the time that a parent or guardian completes an application for enrollment of a child in the Department of Developmental Services' voluntary services program, or at the time that said department updates a child's annual individualized plan of care, said department shall notify such parent or guardian that the Department of Children and Families may provide records to the Department of Developmental Services for the purposes specified in this subdivision without the consent of such parent or guardian;
- 204 (13) A state agency that licenses or certifies a person to educate or 205 care for children or youth;

- 209 (15) A judge of the Superior Court for purposes of determining the 210 appropriate disposition of a child convicted as delinquent or a child 211 who is a member of a family with service needs, or a judge of the 212 Superior Court in a criminal prosecution for purposes of in-camera 213 inspection whenever (A) the court has ordered that the record be 214 provided to the court; or (B) a party to the proceeding has issued a 215 subpoena for the record;
- 216 (16) A judge of the Superior Court and all necessary parties in a 217 family violence proceeding when such records concern family violence 218 with respect to the child who is the subject of the proceeding or the 219 parent of such child who is the subject of the proceeding;
- 220 (17) The Auditors of Public Accounts, or their representative, 221 provided no information identifying the subject of the record is 222 disclosed unless such information is essential to an audit conducted 223 pursuant to section 2-90;
- (18) A local or regional board of education, provided the records are limited to educational records created or obtained by the state or Connecticut Unified School District #2, established pursuant to section 17a-37;
- 228 (19) The superintendent of schools for any school district for the 229 purpose of determining the suitability of a person to be employed by 230 the local or regional board of education for such school district 231 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-221d;
- [(19)] (20) The Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of criminal history records checks pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-44, provided information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to [information obtained in an investigation conducted

- pursuant to section 17a-101g and information contained in the abuse
- 237 and neglect registry pursuant to section 17a-101k] information
- 238 <u>included on the Department of Children and Families' child abuse and</u>
- 239 <u>neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k, subject to the</u>
- 240 provisions of sections 17a-101g and 17a-101k concerning the
- 241 <u>nondisclosure of findings of responsibility for abuse and neglect; [and]</u>
- [(20)] (21) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- 243 for the purpose of treatment planning for young adults who have
- 244 transitioned from the care of the Department of Children and Families;
- 245 and
- 246 (22) The superintendent of a public school district or the executive
- 247 director or other head of a public or private institution for children
- 248 providing care for children or a private school pursuant to sections
- 249 <u>17a-101b</u>, <u>17a-101c</u> and <u>17a-101i</u>.
- Sec. 6. Section 17a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 251 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- 252 (a) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility at
- 253 Connecticut Valley Hospital [shall be Riverview Hospital for Children
- and Youth] in the city of Middletown shall be the Albert J. Solnit
- 255 <u>Children's Center South Campus.</u>
- 256 (b) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility in
- 257 the city of Middletown shall be the Connecticut Juvenile Training
- 258 School.
- 259 (c) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility in
- the town of East Windsor shall be the [Connecticut Children's Place]
- 261 Albert J. Solnit Children's Center North Campus.
- [(d) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility in
- 263 the town of Hamden shall be High Meadows.]
- [(e)] (d) The name of the Department of Children and Families

- facility in the town of Hartland shall be the Wilderness School.
- Sec. 7. Section 17b-221a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and each fiscal year
- 269 thereafter, revenue received by the Department of Administrative
- 270 Services-Financial Services Center/Collections from Medicaid care
- 271 management plans for services performed at [Riverview Hospital]
- 272 <u>Albert J. Solnit Children's Center South Campus</u> shall be deposited in
- 273 the General Fund and credited to a nonlapsing account in the
- 274 Department of Social Services and shall be available for expenditure by
- 275 the Department of Social Services for the payment of Medicaid claims.
- Sec. 8. Section 17a-101 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
- 277 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 278 October 1, 2012):
- 279 (a) The public policy of this state is: To protect children whose
- 280 health and welfare may be adversely affected through injury and
- 281 neglect; to strengthen the family and to make the home safe for
- 282 children by enhancing the parental capacity for good child care; to
- provide a temporary or permanent nurturing and safe environment for
- 284 children when necessary; and for these purposes to require the
- reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect, investigation of such
- 286 reports by a social agency, and provision of services, where needed, to
- 287 such child and family.
- 288 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any
- 289 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any
- resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not
- so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical
- examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, a school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or adult
- defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or adult
- 294 probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the clergy,
- 295 pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist,

mental health professional or physician assistant, any person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist, any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a battered women's counselor as defined in section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed professional counselor, any person who is a licensed foster parent, any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and Families, any employee of the Department of Public Health who is responsible for the licensing of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care homes or youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate and any family relations counselor, family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by the Judicial Department.

- (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop an educational training program and refresher training program for the accurate and prompt identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Such training program and refresher training program shall be made available to all persons mandated to report child abuse and neglect at various times and locations throughout the state as determined by the Commissioner of Children and Families. Such training program shall be provided to all new school employees, as defined in section 53a-65, within available appropriations.
- [(d) Any mandated reporter, as defined in subsection (b) of this section, who fails to report to the Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101a shall be required to participate in an educational and training program established by the commissioner. The program may be provided by one or more private organizations approved by the commissioner, provided the entire costs of the program shall be paid from fees charged to the participants, the amount of which shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner.]

329 [(e)] (d) On or before October 1, 2011, the Department of Children 330 and Families, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall 331 develop a model mandated reporting policy for use by local and 332 regional boards of education. Such policy shall state applicable state 333 law regarding mandated reporting and any relevant information that 334 may assist school districts in the performance of mandated reporting. 335 Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, the following 336 information: (1) Those persons employed by the local or regional board 337 of education who are required pursuant to this section to be mandated 338 reporters, (2) the type of information that is to be reported, (3) the time 339 frame for both written and verbal mandated reports, (4) a statement 340 that the school district may conduct its own investigation into an 341 allegation of abuse or neglect by a school employee, provided such 342 investigation does not impede an investigation by the Department of 343 Children and Families, and (5) a statement that retaliation against 344 mandated reporters is prohibited. Such policy shall be updated and 345 revised as necessary.

- Sec. 9. Section 17a-101a of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
 - (a) Any mandated reporter, as defined in section 17a-101, as amended by this act, who in the ordinary course of such person's employment or profession has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any child under the age of eighteen years (1) has been abused or neglected, as defined in section 46b-120, (2) has had nonaccidental physical injury, or injury which is at variance with the history given of such injury, inflicted upon such child, or (3) is placed at imminent risk of serious harm, shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with the provisions of sections 17a-101b to 17a-101d, inclusive.
- 359 <u>(b)</u> Any person required to report under the provisions of this section who fails to make such report or fails to make such report

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within the time period prescribed in sections 17a-101b to 17a-101d, inclusive, and section 17a-103 shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars or more than two thousand five hundred dollars and shall be required to participate in an educational and training program pursuant to [subsection (d) of section 17a-101] this section. The program may be provided by one or more private organizations approved by the commissioner, provided the entire cost of the program shall be paid from fees charged to the participants, the amount of which shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner.

- (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, shall promptly notify the Chief State's Attorney when there is reason to believe that any such person has failed to make a report in accordance with this section.
- Sec. 10. Section 17a-101e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
 - (a) No employer shall discharge, or in any manner discriminate or retaliate against, any employee who in good faith makes a report pursuant to sections 17a-101a to 17a-101d, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-103, testifies or is about to testify in any proceeding involving child abuse or neglect. The Attorney General may bring an action in Superior Court against an employer who violates this subsection. The court may assess a civil penalty of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars and may order such other equitable relief as the court deems appropriate.
 - (b) Any person, institution or agency which, in good faith, makes, or in good faith does not make, the report pursuant to sections 17a-101a to 17a-101d, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-103 shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed and shall have the same immunity with respect to any judicial proceeding which results from such report provided such person did not perpetrate or cause such abuse or neglect.

- 392 (c) Any person who is alleged to have knowingly made a false 393 report of child abuse or neglect pursuant to sections 17a-101a to 17a-394 101d, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-103 shall be referred to 395 the office of the Chief State's Attorney for purposes of a criminal 396 investigation.
- 397 [(c)] (d) Any person who knowingly makes a false report of child 398 abuse or neglect pursuant to sections 17a-101a to 17a-101d, inclusive, 399 as amended by this act, and 17a-103, shall be fined not more than two 400 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

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- Sec. 11. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2012) (a) Any individual whose 402 name has been placed on the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k of the general statutes may file an application with the Department of Children and Families, on such form as the department prescribes, for removal of such individual's name from the registry. The department shall include in such form a provision that allows the applicant to indicate good cause for removing the applicant's name from the registry. Such good cause may include, but need not be limited to, the following: (1) Rehabilitation of the applicant; (2) the applicant's acceptance of personal responsibility for actions or omissions that resulted in the 412 applicant's name being placed on the registry; (3) a bona fide need for removal of the applicant's name from the registry; and (4) at least two letters in support of the application, each from a competent adult.
 - (b) Such application may be filed not earlier than five years after the date of the final decision, as defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes, that resulted in the placement of the applicant's name on the registry.
- 419 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families may grant such 420 application upon finding good cause. If the commissioner denies an 421 application filed in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this 422 subsection, the applicant shall be entitled to a hearing in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes. 423

- 424 (d) Any applicant whose application is denied after a final decision, 425 as defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes, may reapply in 426 accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, without 427 limitation, not less than two years after the date of such final decision.
- 428 Such application shall indicate good cause that has occurred since the
- 429 date of the final decision.
- 430 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 52-259a of the general statutes is
- 431 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 432 October 1, 2012):
- 433 (a) Any member of the Division of Criminal Justice or the Division
- 434 of Public Defender Services, any employee of the Judicial Department,
- 435 acting in the performance of such employee's duties, the Attorney
- 436 General, an assistant attorney general, the Consumer Counsel, any
- 437 attorney employed by the Office of Consumer Counsel within the
- 438 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department
- 439 of Revenue Services, the Commission on Human Rights and
- 440 Opportunities, the Freedom of Information Commission, the Board of
- 441 Labor Relations, the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons
- 442 with Disabilities, the Office of the Victim Advocate, [or] the
- 443 Department of Social Services or the Department of Children and
- 444 <u>Families</u>, or any attorney appointed by the court to assist any of them
- 445 or to act for any of them in a special case or cases, while acting in such
- 446 attorney's official capacity or in the capacity for which such attorney
- 447 was appointed, shall not be required to pay the fees specified in
- 448 sections 52-258, 52-259, and 52-259c, subsection (a) of section 52-356a,
- 449 subsection (a) of section 52-361a, section 52-367a, subsection (b) of
- 450 section 52-367b and subsection (n) of section 46b-231.
- 451 Sec. 13. Section 17a-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 453 On or before February 1, 1987, the Commissioner of [Youth
- 454 Services Children and Families shall adopt such regulations, in
- 455 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as are necessary to carry

- out the provisions of [subsection (e) of section 17a-101] section 17a-457 101g.
- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 30 of public act 99-26, as amended by section 19 of public act 05-279 and section 3 of public act 09-4 of the September special session, is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	17a-1(3)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2012	17a-4(a)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2012	17a-4a
Sec. 4	October 1, 2012	17a-28(d)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2012	17a-28(g)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2012	17a-32
Sec. 7	October 1, 2012	17b-221a
Sec. 8	October 1, 2012	17a-101
Sec. 9	October 1, 2012	17a-101a
Sec. 10	October 1, 2012	17a-101e
Sec. 11	October 1, 2012	New section
Sec. 12	October 1, 2012	52-259a(a)
Sec. 13	from passage	17a-107
Sec. 14	from passage	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical and minor changes to statutes concerning the Department of Children and Families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]